

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT

Application No.: 09/768,904) Date: March 28, 2002
Applicant: Lap Wai Chow, et al.) Examiner: Nguyen, Joseph H.
) Group Art Unit: 2815
Filed: January 24, 2001) Our Ref: B-3964
) 618029-8/RPB/RAS/KST
For: "INTEGRATED CIRCUITS)
PROTECTED AGAINST REVERSE) Re: **RESPONSE**
ENGINEERING AND METHOD FOR)
FABRICATING THE SAME USING AN)
APPARENT METAL CONTACT LINE)
TERMINATING ON FIELD OXIDE")

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Sir:

In the Office Action of December 28, 2001, the Examiner objects to the drawings of the above referenced application. The Applicant hereby submits a photocopy of Figures 1(a), 2, and 3 with the proposed corrections shown in red ink. Please approve the proposed corrections. Upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance, the Applicant will present formal drawings including these corrections.

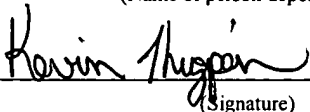
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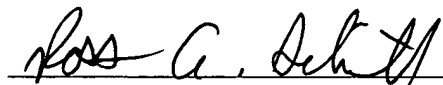
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Enclosures: Photocopies of Figures 1(a), 2, and 3